

PROCLAMATION CYSTIC FIBROSIS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2003

WHEREAS, Cystic Fibrosis is the most common fatal, genetic disease in the United States affecting some 30,000 young people. Cystic Fibrosis attacks vital bodily functions, particularly breathing and digestion; and

WHEREAS, a significant commitment of time and financial resources is required each day to effectively treat the symptoms of the disease and to help prolong life. A combination of consistent treatment and genetic research allows a growing number of North Dakotans with cystic fibrosis to be contributing members of our society and economy; and

WHEREAS, citizens with cystic fibrosis are encouraged to continue the essential care they need to maintain optimum health. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the commitment of young North Dakotans who have cystic fibrosis, their families, medical personnel and non-profit organizations who assist them for their on-going efforts to treat the symptoms of the disease while striving and hoping for the eventual cure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2003, as **CYSTIC FIBROSIS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

ATTEST:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State